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June 9, 2005

The City Council met in special session in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on the day above written, to continue consideration of the FY 2006 City of Fresno Budget.

Present were Councilmembers Boyajian, Calhoun, Duncan, Perea, Sterling, Westerlund and President Dages, City Manager Souza, Interim Assistant City Manager Quinto, City Attorney Montoy, City Clerk Klisch, Assistant City Clerk Salazar, Budget Manager Smith and necessary staff.

**(8:30 A.M.) CONTINUED HEARING ON THE FY 2006 CITY OF FRESNO BUDGET**

AIRPORTS DEPARTMENT  
POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FINANCE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT  
INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CONVENTION CENTER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT - FAX  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL CITY PURPOSE  
CDBG

**AIRPORTS DEPARTMENT:**

Aviation Director Widmar gave a PowerPoint presentation on his department's budget which included FY 2005 accomplishments, KRAs, the proposed FY 2006 budget, capital projects, fees, and an in-depth update on Mexicana Airlines including negotiations, deal points, due-diligence, the Federal Inspection Station (FIS), financial management, and Council actions that will be necessary and future actions.

Speaking in support of the budget and/or pursuit of Mexicana Airlines were: Manuel Cunha, President of the Nisei Farmers League; Jerrie Techman, owner of Travel Express and president of an organization comprised of business owners and managers who promote travel and tourism; Lydia Siberki, EDC, on behalf of the Board of Directors; Carol Hafner, on behalf of Fresno County Agricultural Commissioner Prieto; Roy Vasquez, Hispanic Business Institute, member of the Mexicana Airlines task force and past-Chair of the Central California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Palmer (last name inaudible), Hertz Rent-a-Car, support for the new rental car facility; Steven Rico, President of the Madera Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and member of the air service task force **(2 - 0)**; and Fred Ruiz, Ruiz Food Products.

Extensive discussion ensued with Mr. Widmar, Deputy Airports Director Card, Budget Manager Smith, City Attorney Montoy, City Manager Souza and Chief Dyer responding to questions, comments and/or concerns of Councilmembers Calhoun, Sterling, Boyajian, Westerlund and President Dages relative to support and need for the rental car facility and encouragement to move as fast as possible on interim measures, the public safety change/proposal, Mexicana Airlines and subsidy, the port of entry issue and what the city's chance was of getting that designation, Chandler Airport and need to expand hangars, the Chandler Master Plan including time line for implementation and funding, reason for increase in funding for professional services, reduction in recurring vehicle allowance, the public safety proposal including comfort level with employees performing safety duties and decision-making responsibilities, Chandler's relation to the Running Horse and Roeding Business Park projects and those projects being catalysts for the area, if there was a plan and need to share plans/have meetings with RDA staff, possibility of utilizing trolleys for airport visitors for public relations purposes **(3 - 0)**, reason for increase in premium pay, independent reimbursement, the Mexicana issue and what will happen after two years after the city does all it can do, the port of entry designation including why it was so important to have it, what it will mean if the city does not get it, and what the criteria is for getting the designation, when the rental car project will be completed, concern with onerous, long-term leases and need to bring those to conclusion, reason for high legal fees and need to resolve legal matters, the port of entry issue and potential return on the investment, the air cargo ramp fee, the public safety proposal including what is anticipated after one year, if costs will rise, and what the level of police service will be on a daily basis, the dispatcher coming on-line and process when the dispatcher is not there, cost for the eleven police positions, total position increase and cost difference, number of public safety positions being allocated to the airport, why there was no cost to transfer employees, what the reason was for the public safety change, and if employees will have an opportunity to stay employed with the city. There was no further discussion.

**RECESS - 10:49 A.M. - 11:01 A.M.**

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Dyer gave a lengthy PowerPoint presentation on his department's budget which included FY 2005 accomplishments (4 - 0), highlights of the FY 2006 proposed budget, and the KRAs.

Chief Dyer responded to questions/comments of Councilmember Calhoun at length relative to the department's accomplishments being very impressive and the creativity in generating revenues being noticed and appreciated, concern with the same unapproved source of funds being dedicated three times in this budget for major initiatives, the northwest policing station's need for a district station, concern with what the projections are for new development impact fees for public safety, policy/plan for a city-wide public safety impact fee, the police regional training facility including how it will get done, if the funds in the budget were for land purchase, and where the land was located, the joint law enforcement communication center including if it could fit into this budget and if Council will be involved in the decision-making process, the 17 new hires and the Universal Hiring Grant, and the Life Skills Program and proposal for additional positions.

At this point proceedings were interrupted due to a fire alarm.

**RECESS - 11:39 A.M. - 11:56 A.M.**

Noting the closeness to the lunch hour, President Dages called for a lunch recess.

**LUNCH RECESS - 11:56 A.M. - 2:02 P.M.**

Proceedings continued with Councilmember Calhoun continuing his questioning and comments on the Life Skills Program, the need to question providing resources to the program as the police department cannot be all things to all people, the proposed expansion to middle schools and if there will be another request to expand again, with Chief Dyer responding throughout. Councilmember Calhoun stated he wanted to see the funds for the program go elsewhere as they were CDBG funds and parents and teachers should be the ones to teach life skills.

**MOTION - Calhoun/Boyajian - Reallocate the \$268,000 for the Life Skills Program to another use.**

Councilmember Calhoun continued and presented questions at length relative to why funds for the supervisory law enforcement services were in contingency, new machinery & equipment and what was being purchased for \$3.5 million, the voice interoperability monies and system (5 - 0), plan for use of forfeiture contingency reserves, if POST/new machinery and equipment funds were for training, reason for reduction in Citizens Corps funding, shock with the huge increase in workers compensation, workers comp artificial subsidy, and additional questions on the Universal Hiring Grant and funds running out, with Chief Dyer, Ms. Smith, Ms. Quinto, Grant Manager Garcia and City Manager Souza responding throughout.

Extensive discussion continued with Councilmembers Perea, Sterling, Boyajian, Duncan, Westerlund and President Dages presenting questions and commenting on various issues including the Regional Training Center, Councilmember Perea offering whatever assistance he can give to make that a reality, the additional graffiti surveillance van, what is being done about speeding in neighborhoods, importance of officer presence and officers driving through neighborhoods, the two new substations and difficulties with land acquisition, the importance and need to keep the Broadway/Elizabeth station as a substation or continue to have police presence there, graffiti/vandalism and enforcement, if parents are fined, acid on windows and if a fund could be established to assist businesses with insurance, CDBG funds and what the department was doing to minimize its dependence on those funds, status of the airplane purchase (6 - 0), the customer satisfaction survey, if neighborhood patrolling was being minimized, detective staffing, speeders/traffic unit, multiple shooters/officer involved shootings, Mr. Souza clarifying Life Skills was not funded with CDBG funds and it was a priority of the Mayor to reduce on-going reliance on CDBG funds, numerous questions on the Life Skills program/instructors/affect on kids and officers, Councilmember Duncan expressing his support and stating whatever can and is being done is an extraordinary investment in our future, PAL and number of children the program reaches, number of gangs/gang members, how effective PAL is, response times and if Skywatch is factored in, increase in grant funds, 9-1-1 calls and how it incoming calls are determined to be a police or fire call, how close the department was to an enhanced 9-1-1 dispatch system, the Regional Training facility and if Fresno County participating has been considered, contingency funds, overtime pay, if restructuring was occurring with evidence technicians and clerks, graffiti, pan handlers (7 - 0), if the city was still at a 33-year low in the crime index, contingency funds, where cuts would be made in the department, if necessary, and support for the training facility and bonding for it if a drag strip was added, with Chief Dyer, Southeast District

Commander Maroney, Mr. Souza and Ms. Quinto responding throughout.

Chief Dyer thanked his staff and there was no further discussion.

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**SETTING ADDITIONAL BUDGET HEARING DATES**

President Dages stated additional dates needed to be set, discussion ensued, and the consensus was to meet on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. already set), and Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Interim Finance Director Bradley gave a PowerPoint presentation on her department's budget which included a Department & Personnel Mission Statement, Key Objectives and Result Areas, FY 2005 Accomplishments, FY 2006 Challenges, FTE Request, and Department Position Overview.

Brief discussion ensued with Interim City Manager Quinto, Ms. Bradley and City Manager Souza responding to questions and/or comments of Councilmembers Boyajian, Sterling and President Dages relative to the independent auditor including their fee and the RFP process/bid, numerous questions on various line items (**8 - 0**), support for the collection program, premium pay being well-deserved, commendation to utilities & collections staff, and the Blosser obligation. Ms. Quinto and Ms. Bradley thanked their staff and there was no further discussion.

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**MOTION - Duncan/Perea** - Funding for Kronos and Cognos Time & Activity Software Systems:

(1) Appropriate \$1,831,900 in the Information Services Department System and Acquisition and Maintenance Fund for the acquisition of Kronos and Cognos Software Systems, and the related implementation costs as follows:

\$1,654,400 for Computer Software

\$143,000 for Equipment

\$34,500 for Professional Services

(2) Increase the above fund revenues by the following:

Loan Proceeds - \$1,331,900

Transfer from Fund Balance - \$500,000

The budget hearing was continued to Monday, June 13, 2005, at 1:00 p.m.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to bring before the Council, the hour of 4:52 p.m. having arrived and hearing no objections, President Dages declared the meeting adjourned.

**APPROVED** on the \_\_\_\_ 14<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ June \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Dages, Council President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Yolanda Salazar, Assistant City Clerk

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